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SUBJECT: AIRLIFT AND REINFORCEMENT RECEPTION FACILITIES

REF: A. USNATO 5758

B. USNATO 4596

C. STATE 196838

D. USNATO 5303

1. AS STATED IN REF A, MISSION PROPOSES TO ADDRESS ACE RECEPTION FACILITIES AND ARRANGEMENTS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY IN THE EMPLOYMENT OF AUGMENTATION FORCES AT THE DPC MEETING, OCTOBER 23.

2. AT SEPTEMBER 9 MEETING, DPC APPROVED TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR SACEUR'S FLEXIBILITY STUDY (REF B). THE TOR REQUIRES SACEUR TO ADDRESS ALL APPROPRIATE ASPECTS OF FLEXIBILITY TO INCLUDE, AMONG OTHER FACTORS, REINFORCEMENT PLANNING AND SUPPORT FROM THE CIVIL SECTOR. MISSION VIEWS AIRLIFT REQUIREMENTS AND RECEPTION FACILITIES FOR AUGMENTATION FORCES AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF SACEUR FLEXIBILITY STUDY. DRAWING FROM PREVIOUS GUIDANCE ON ALLIED CONTRIBUTIONS TO SERIAL PORT CAPABILITIES AND INTRA-THEATER AIRLIFT (REF C), MISSION PROPOSES TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT AT THE DPC MEETING OCTOBER 23. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON APPROVAL ON

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BILITY STUDY. DRAWING FROM PREVIOUS GUIDANCE ON ALLIED CONTRIBUTIONS TO SERIAL PORT CAPABILITIES AND INTRA-THEATER AIRLIFT (REF C), MISSION PROPOSES TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT AT THE DPC MEETING OCTOBER 23. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON APPROVAL ON

PROPOSED STATEMENT BY 0800 HOURS BRUSSELS TIME OCTOBER 22.

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ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS IN THIS COMMITTEE, STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE EMPHASIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF REINFORCEMENT PLANNING. IN OUR CRITIQUE OF THE 1973 MIDDLE EAST WAR EARLIER THIS YEAR, ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT LESSONS APPLICABLE TO NATO WAS THE VITAL IMPORTANCE OF AIRLIFT CAPABILITY AND FLEXIBILITY FOR A RAPID BUILD-UP OF EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES IN AREAS OF GREATEST NEED. MORE RECENTLY, SECRETARY SCHLESINGER'S STATEMENT FOR THE RECORD AT THE DPC MEETING JUNE 14, STRESSED THE NEED FOR EXPANDED AND IMPROVED RECEPTION ARRANGEMENTS AND FACILITIES AND THE IMPORTANCE OF EUROPEAN AIRCRAFT TO ENHANCE ALLIANCE AIR LIFT CAPABILITY. I PROPOSE THAT THE DPC REQUEST:

-THE MILITARY COMMITTEE ASK SACEUR, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE FLEXIBILITY STUDY, TO IDENTIFY AT AN EARLY STAGE ALLIED COMMAND EUROPE RECEPTION FACILITIES AND ARRANGEMENTS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY IN THE EMPLOYMENT AND SUPPORT OF AUGMENTATION FORCES DURING CRISIS AND WAR. THEREAFTER, SACEUR SHOULD COORDINATE AND ASSIST IN NEGOTIATING BILATERAL OR MULTILATERAL AGREEMENTS FOR THE USE AND IMPROVEMENT OF THESE FACILITIES WITH THE APPROPRIATE NATIONAL AUTHORITIES.

-CONCURRENTLY, THE SENIOR CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEES TO RE-EXAMINE THE EXISTING CONCEPT CONCERNING EVACUATION OF CIVIL AIRCRAFT TO DETERMINE THE CONTRIBUTION THAT NATO CIVIL RESERVE AIR FLEET COULD MAKE IN TIMES OF TENSION AND WAR. THIS EXAMINATION SHOULD INCLUDE: (1) PROCEDURES OR ARRANGEMENTS FOR COORDINATION OF CIVIL AIRLIFT CAPABILITY MADE AVAILABLE TO THE ALLIANCE; (2) PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING REQUESTS FOR AIRLIFT; AND (3) PROCESSING ARRANGEMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CLEARANCE OF CARGO AND PERSONNEL FROM AIRPORTS. THE REINFORCEMENT CAPABILITY OF THE UNITED STATES, CANADA AND UNITED KINGDOM IS PARTICULARLY IMPRESSIVE. THE UNITED STATES, FOR EXAMPLE, MAINTAINS OVER THREE DIVISIONS IN THE UNITED STATES AS M-DAY
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STRATEGIC RESERVES FOR REINFORCEMENT OF NATO. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, AN ADDITIONAL 11 DIVISIONS AND 17 BRIGADES ARE SOURCE OF POTENTIAL REINFORCEMENT FOR SACEUR. IN ADDITION, OVER 60 AIR FORCE TACTICAL AND COMBAT SUPPORT SQUADRONS ARE AVAILABLE FOR REINFORCING EUROPE. TIMELY ACTION IS NECESSARY TO ENSURE EFFECTIVE EMPLOYMENT OF THESE REINFORCEMENTS.
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3. UNDER ANY OTHER BUSINESS, MISSION ALSO INTENDS TO INFORM PERMREPS OF PLANNED US AIRLIFT BRIEFING AT DPC MEETING WEEK OF NOV 11. (REFD).
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